



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 19, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Authorize Execution of Agency Agreement with the State of Minnesota for Traffic Management Center Staffing**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize proper City officers to execute an agency agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation allowing for the State to act as the City's agent in accepting and disbursing federal funds and allowing federal aid participation in a force account project.
- B. Adopt resolution appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as the City's agent in accepting federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects.

Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2007R-262 2007 Applications for 2011-2012 SAFETEA-LU funds

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: An appropriately designed and well maintained City infrastructure will promote safe and efficient movement of our Police, Fire and Emergency units as well as the safe and efficient movement of our residents and traveling public.

Preserve and enhance our natural and historic environment and promote a clean, sustainable Minneapolis by preserving the ability to provide coordinated traffic flow thus continuing to reduce CO and hydrocarbon production.

Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

In 2005, 2007 and 2009, the City of Minneapolis submitted a number of applications for Federal ISTEA funding to be available in the years 2009 through 2013. These Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funding applications were submitted by Public Works Traffic and Parking Services and were successful in obtaining funding to upgrade the Traffic Management Center, replace the remaining obsolete traffic signal controllers and cabinets and develop new traffic signal timing plans for the entire City.

An additional Federal ISTEA funding application for \$625,000 was submitted in 2007 by Public Works Traffic and Parking Services and was approved to provide temporary staffing for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of these newly provided TMC facilities. The federal funding for the temporary increased staffing provides 80% of the costs (\$500,000) with the remaining 20% (\$125,000) coming from local sources. Specifically, this project will provide operational and maintenance personnel to supplement the City's existing staff at the Traffic Management Center (TMC) during the construction and implementation phases for the updated TMC and new timing plan implementations. Public Works will hire these grant-funded employees in 2012 and the funding will be used over a three- to five-year period. The 20% local share will be paid from the Traffic and Parking Services operating budget over these multiple years.

Public Works is requesting that City officers be directed to execute an Agency Force Account Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), which allows MnDOT to act as the City's agent in accepting the above federal aid in connection with this project and to process the project's federal reimbursements. This agreement will allow federal funds to be used by the City to provide the necessary temporary staffing services for operation and maintenance of the TMC facility.

CC: Don Elwood, Public Works

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

Appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and entering into an agreement to accept federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation-related projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 00973", a copy of which said agreement was before the City Council and which is made a part hereof by reference.